February 19, 2017

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee (Senator Osten, Senator Formica and Representative Walker),

No money is better spent than on the education of our children and no education money is better spent than on magnet schools. Our magnet school, the Educational Center for the Arts (ECA), has made a huge difference in the lives of our two children. Our son graduated from the theatre department at ECA in June 2014 and is just finishing his junior year at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. Our daughter will graduate from ECA in June and plans to study technical theatre in college. Their lives have been enriched and transformed by the superb program and magnificent teachers at ECA. Please do not curtail the opportunities for future students to share in the life-changing experience of attending great magnet schools like ECA.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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